2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

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Report of Main Committee I

Establishment and terms of reference

1. Pursuant to rule 34 of its rules of procedure, the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons established Main Committee I as one of its three Main Committees, and decided to allocate to it the following items for its consideration (see NPT/CONF.2010/1, annex V):

Item 16. Review of the operation of the Treaty as provided for in its article VIII, paragraph 3, taking into account the decisions and the resolution adopted by the 1995 NPT Review and Extension Conference and the Final Document of the 2000 Review Conference:

(a) Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty relating to non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, disarmament and international peace and security:

(i) Articles I and II and preambular paragraphs 1 to 3;

(ii) Article VI and preambular paragraphs 8 to 12;

(iii) Article VII, with specific reference to the main issues considered in this Committee;

(b) Security assurances:

(i) United Nations Security Council resolutions 255 (1968) and 984 (1995);

(ii) Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

Item 17. Role of the Treaty in the promotion of non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and of nuclear disarmament in strengthening international peace and security and measures aimed at strengthening the implementation of the Treaty and achieving its universality; Disarmament and non-proliferation education.

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Officers of the Committee

2. The Conference elected Boniface Chidyausiku (Zimbabwe) as the Chairman of the Committee, and Nineta Barbulescu (Romania) and Dell Higgie (New Zealand) as Vice-Chairpersons of the Committee.

Establishment of Subsidiary Body I

3. At its fifth plenary meeting, on 5 May 2010, the Conference decided to establish, for the duration of the 2010 Review Conference, a Subsidiary Body I under Main Committee I, chaired by Alexander Marschik (Austria). The Conference further decided that Subsidiary Body I will focus on nuclear disarmament and security assurances. Furthermore, the Conference decided that Subsidiary Body I would be open-ended, that it would hold at least four meetings within the overall time allocated to the Main Committee, that its meetings would be held in private and that the outcome of its work would be reflected in the report of Main Committee I to the Conference (NPT/CONF.2010/DEC.1).

4. Accordingly, Subsidiary Body I held seven private meetings between 10 and 21 May 2010. The outcome of its work is contained in paragraph 10 below.

Documents before the Committee

5. The Committee had before it the following background documents:*

NPT/CONF.2010/2	Eighth Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Chile
NPT/CONF.2010/3	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Austria
NPT/CONF.2010/4	Memorandum from the General Secretariat of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean prepared for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/5	Memorandum on activities relating to the African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Pelindaba) submitted by the secretariat of the African Union
NPT/CONF.2010/6	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Finland
NPT/CONF.2010/7	Memorandum on activities relating to the South Pacific Nuclear Free Zone Treaty (Treaty of Rarotonga): submitted by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat

* Some of the documents may also cover items allocated to other Main Committees.

NPT/CONF.2010/9	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Canada
NPT/CONF.2010/11	Steps taken to promote the achievement of an effectively verifiable Middle East zone free of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, and the realization of the goals and objectives of the 1995 resolution on the Middle East: report submitted by Sweden
NPT/CONF.2010/12	Memorandum of the Government of Mongolia regarding the consolidation of its international security and nuclear-weapon-free status
NPT/CONF.2010/13	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Poland
NPT/CONF.2010/15	Memorandum on activities of the Kyrgyz Republic in its capacity as the depositary of the Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia
NPT/CONF.2010/17	Note verbale dated 8 April 2010 from the Permanent Missions of Australia and Japan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference
NPT/CONF.2010/18	Activities relating to the Treaty on the South-East Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone: memorandum submitted by Viet Nam
NPT/CONF.2010/19	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Algeria
NPT/CONF.2010/21	Implementation of the provisions of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Ukraine
NPT/CONF.2010/22	Implementation of Article VI and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament": report submitted by the Republic of Korea
NPT/CONF.2010/24	Progress report by the Provisional Technical Secretariat of the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization prepared for the 2010 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons
NPT/CONF.2010/26	Implementation of Article VI of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 Decision on "Principles and Objectives for Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament": report submitted by Japan

NPT/CONF.2010/27	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by New Zealand
NPT/CONF.2010/28	National report on the implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons by the Russian Federation
NPT/CONF.2010/29	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Brazil
NPT/CONF.2010/30	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by Kazakhstan
NPT/CONF.2010/31	Implementation of the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons: report submitted by China
NPT/CONF.2010/34	Implementation of Article VI: report submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran
NPT/CONF.2010/35	Note verbale dated 5 May 2010 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
NPT/CONF.2010/36	Implementation of Article VI of the NPT and paragraph 4 (c) of the 1995 decision on principles and objectives for nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament: report submitted by Australia
NPT/CONF.2010/40	Implementation of the NPT: report submitted by Cuba
NPT/CONF.2010/41	Note verbale dated 6 May 2010 from the Permanent Mission of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
NPT/CONF.2010/42	Implementation of the NPT: report submitted by Uruguay
NPT/CONF.2010/43	Note verbale dated 6 May 2010 from the International Committee of the Red Cross to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference
NPT/CONF.2010/44	National report submitted by Mexico
NPT/CONF.2010/45	United States information pertaining to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

6. The following documents were submitted to the Committee on the items allocated to it:

NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/WP.1	Subsidiary Body 1: revised Chairman's draft action plan

NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.2	Report of Main Committee I: Chairman's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.3 and Rev.1	Report of Main Committee I: revised Chairman's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.4 and Rev.1	Draft report of Main Committee I
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.5	NAM position as of 18 May 2010 on the Report of Main Committee I: Chairman's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.6	NAM comments as of 20 May 2010 on the Report of Main Committee I: revised Chairman's draft on substantive elements
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.7	NAC specific texts suggestions on Main Committee I draft report (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.2), 17 May 2010
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.8	NAC comments and suggestions on Main Committee I draft report (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.3), 20 May 2010
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.9	US Mission suggested changes on report of Main Committee I: revised Chairman's draft on substantive elements (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.3/Rev.1)

7. The following documents were submitted to the Subsidiary Body on the items allocated to it:

NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.1 and Rev.1	Subsidiary Body I: revised Chairman's draft action plan
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.2	NAM position as of 18 May 2010 on Subsidiary Body I: Chairman's draft action plan
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.3	NAM changes as of 20 May 2010 on Subsidiary Body I: revised Chairman's draft action plan
NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.4	NAC comments and suggestions on Subsidiary Body I draft report (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.1)

Work of the Committee

8. The Committee held seven formal meetings between 7 and 24 May 2010; an account of the discussions is contained in the relevant summary records (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SR.1-3). After an initial general exchange of views on the agenda items allocated to it, the Committee considered proposals contained in the documents listed in paragraphs 5 and 6 above.

9. At the sixth meeting of Main Committee I, held on 21 May 2010, the Chairman of Subsidiary Body I, Alexander Marschik (Austria), presented an oral report on the work of the Body and submitted a revised Chairman's draft action plan (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.1/Rev.1). At the seventh meeting of Main Committee I, held on 24 May 2010, the Chairman concluded that the Committee had not reached consensus regarding attachment of the revised Chairman's draft on substantive elements (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/CRP.3/Rev.1) and the revised Chairman's draft action plan of Subsidiary Body I (NPT/CONF.2010/MC.I/SB.I/CRP.1/Rev.1) to the final report of Main Committee I and to forward it to the Conference for further consideration. The Committee took note of the Chairman's statement.